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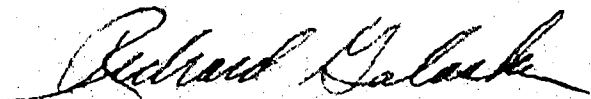
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has come to my attention that the US Department of Justice, and Microsoft Corporation have reached a settlement in the three-year antitrust case. I would like you to know that I support the settlement, and also support Microsoft in this. The government needs to leave them alone, and move onto other matters like investigating the Enron fiasco.

Microsoft has agreed to make a specific number of changes, because of this settlement. For instance, they have agreed to document and disclose various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. Also, they have agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers, and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows.

Clearly, this settlement is more than just a slap on Microsoft's wrists. It will end the suit, and I support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Galaska", written in a cursive style.

Richard Galaska